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SUBJECT: GUATEMALA: INFORMATION ON U.S. MANUFACTURED
LANDMINES

REF: STATE 200879

Per Reftel Action Request, PolOff called on local OAS
Demining office to seek information on current landmine
clearance operations. OAS representative Guillermo Pacheco
reported that current operations deal almost entirely with
unexploded ordnance, with few, if any, landmines being
recovered. Pacheco added that U.S. manufactured mines were
not encountered during past operations as most mines used by
the guerrillas were of "homemade" manufacture, and government
access to U.S. mines was restricted due to conflict-era bans
on U.S. military assistance to Guatemala.
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